

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/804,073

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3-19-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/267,747.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after "October 10, 2002" insert --now abandoned--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-13 are allowed.

Reasons for allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention includes independent claims 1. Claim 1 recites a method of producing an anti-reflection film.

Ishikawa is considered the closest prior art. Ishikawa discloses a method for producing an anti-reflection film that includes multiple layers and optical admittance.

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Ishikawa does not disclose the claimed combination including:

In claim 1:

coating the second material on the first layer to form a second layer having a thickness of d_2 so that an optical admittance Y at a surface of the second layer opposite to the first layer is represented by,

$$Y = \frac{H}{E} = (x + iy)$$

where i is the imaginary number unit,

$$\begin{bmatrix} E \\ H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \delta_2 & (i/n_2) \sin \delta_2 \\ in_2 \sin \delta_2 & \cos \delta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \delta_1 & (i/n_1) \sin \delta_1 \\ in_1 \sin \delta_1 & \cos \delta_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ n_s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta_1 = 2\pi n_1 d_1 / \lambda_0$$

$$\delta_2 = 2\pi n_2 d_2 / \lambda_0$$

where λ_0 is a wavelength of incident light in vacuum,

selecting a third material having a reflective index of n_3 ,
and

coating the third material on the second layer to form a third layer having a thickness of d_3 ,

wherein said reflective index of the transparent substrate, the reflective index and the thickness of the first layer, the reflective index and the thickness of the second layer, and the reflective index of the third layer are selected so that x and y satisfy the following formula,

$$0.9 \times \{(n_3^2 - n_0^2)/2n_0\}^2 < \{x - (n_3^2 + n_0^2)/2n_0\}^2 + y^2 < 1.1 \times \{(n_3^2 - n_0^2)/2n_0\}^2$$

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For these reasons claim 1 is deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 2-13 are allowable by dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alain L. Bashore whose telephone number is 571-272-6739. The examiner can normally be reached on about 7:30 am to 5:00 pm (Mon. thru Thurs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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